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Highlights from Around the Coalition

SOUTHWEST ASIA – Across Iraq and Syria, the Combined Joint Task Force-Operation Inherent Resolve works by, with, and through our partner forces to ensure an enduring defeat of Daesh (ISIS). Training, mentoring, advising, and assisting are key components for building our Security partners' capacity to defeat Daesh remnants and create regional stability. Highlights from around the Coalition are included below:

- **U.S. and Norwegian-led task forces partner with Iraqi Army for live fire training exercise**
- **French Army instructors train future Iraqi officers on command ability**
- **U.S. Soldiers work with Iraqi Air Force on Q-West Airfield runway reconstruction**
- **SINCO II takes step toward full independent operating capability with the help of TG Taji 9**
- **CJTF-OIR commander recognizes distinguished Spanish soldiers with TF Besmaya**

TF Jazeera, TF Viking, conduct live fire training with 7th Division Iraqi Army

Artillery soldiers of the 7th Division Iraqi Army, in partnership with Coalition forces from U.S. Task Force Jazeera and Norwegian-led Task Force Viking, conducted a live fire training exercise with M198 Howitzers.

Task Force Jazeera forces from U.S. Army 2nd Battalion, 8th Field Artillery, Bravo Battery, 1st Platoon, provided their expertise to their Iraqi counterparts on the gun line. Meanwhile, Task Force Viking worked with the Iraqi forward observers to refine their registration procedures.

Following the training by Coalition forces, the Iraqi artillerymen completed a successful registration of their M198 Howitzers. This enabled them to conduct a follow-on live fire exercise and served as a confirmation of the 7th IA Artillery capabilities and increased their readiness to provide fire support for future operations.

(Source: TF Iraq Public Affairs Office)



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TF Narvik trains ICTS officers in methods of instruction

French Task Force Narvik instructors trained 114 future Iraqi officers within the Iraqi Counter Terrorism Service in teaching methods and practices. The training offered courses designed to improve their close combat and topography skills but focused especially on command ability and instructional methods to enhance their skills as future leaders.

The training began with theoretical exercises in elements of survival, demonstrating how to make correct choices for a group as opposed to an individual. After mastering their theoretical course, the trainees were able to put their skills to the test during a simulated combat maneuver in an urban area, with eight fellow trainees under their responsibility.

The training concluded with a debrief from each trainee to their classmates in order to share experiences and improve their effectiveness as a leader.

(Source: Op Chammal Public Affairs Office/

<https://www.defense.gouv.fr/english/operations/chammal/breves/chammal-l-adjutant-chef-fred-un-sapeur-en-terrain-connu>)(Photos courtesy of Op Chammal)



U.S. Soldiers work with Iraqi Air Force members on Q-West Airfield reconstruction

U.S. Army Soldiers with 2nd Battalion, 8th Field Artillery, work together with Iraqi Air Force service members to move towers to the correct positions as part of a reconstruction of the Qayyarah Airfield Runway in Iraq.

The runway was closed to fixed-wing aircraft in March, and it has been under construction ever since. Since the 2nd Battalion, 8th Field Artillery Soldiers arrived in Qayyarah Airfield West, months of progress have been made in a few weeks.

“My time working alongside the Iraqi Air Force [service members] was a cool experience,” said U.S. Army Spc. Jack. “We were able to exchange cultures and build an unspoken bond. They were extremely kind and

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always had a positive attitude when working throughout the day. It was clear they had a strong respect for us and what we do.”

(Source: TF Iraq Public Affairs Office)



TG Taji assists SINCO II as full independent operating capability draws closer

The Iraqi Army School of Infantry Non-Commissioned Officer II (SINCO II) took an important step towards full independent operating capability, after Australian instructors successfully led a heavy weapons training course.

Australian Defence Force instructors from Task Group Taji 9’s dedicated specialist and heavy weapons training team – Training Team Sierra – mentored their Iraqi colleagues through the two-week activity at the Besmaya Range Complex.

SINCO II instructor, Warrant Officer Falah Hasan Hussain, said the live-fire practices on the .50-calibre heavy machine gun and Mk 19 Automatic Grenade Launcher taught his team a great deal.

“This training with the Australian Army was so important because it gave us a lot of information,” Hussain said. “Now we have our old ways and the new ways. When we mix this all together it is going to be something up-to-date and practical, especially relevant for this new generation of the Iraqi Army.”

(Source: TG Taji Public Affairs Office/ <https://news.defence.gov.au/international/independence-their-sights/>)



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CJTF-OIR Commanding General Pat White recognizes TF Besmaya soldiers

Combined Joint Task Force-Operation Inherent Resolve Commanding General Pat White visited Spanish and Portuguese troops within Task Force Besmaya in order to learn more about the structure, tasks, training and activities that Task Force Besmaya carries out daily.

During his visit, White took the time to recognize distinguished service members for their outstanding contributions in the defeat Daesh mission. The three service members included Capt. Serrano, Master Sgt. Marcote and Cpl. De La Guardia.

(Source: TF Besmaya Public Affairs Office/

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